

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,406,927 to Pommer, II ("Pommer").

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claim 1.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are pending.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Pommer*. Applicant traverses this rejection.

In a telephone interview with Examiner Singh on about April 19, 2006, Examiner Singh indicated that Fig. 3 of *Pommer* teaches the so-called forward biasing circuit (C, R1) as being located on the input side of the diode bridge 10. In response to the telephone interview, Applicant has amended claim 1 to better define the invention. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to recite a forward biasing circuit located on an output side of the diode bridge for supplying forward biased voltage to the diode bridge. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that *Pommer* does not teach at least the features of a forward biasing circuit located on an output side of the diode bridge for supplying forward biased voltage to a diode bridge, as recited in claim 1. Claims 2, 4 and 5 depend from claim 1 and recite the same combination of allowable features

recited in claim 1, as well as additional features that define over the prior art. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

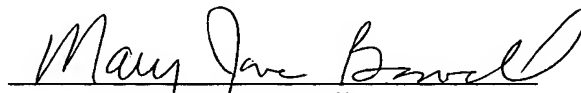
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